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SUBJECT: VOLUNTEER AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL TEAM FOR GUAM

REF: STATE 103959

1. EMBOFF PASSED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL ON MAY 5 TO MICHAEL DARBY, CONTACT POINT FOR AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL TEAM. HE WILL BE EXPLORING WAYS AND MEANS OF TRANSPORTING TEAM TO GUAM, EITHER BY COMMERCIAL OR LIGHT AIRCRAFT.

2. MEANWHILE, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CLARIFYING FOL POINTS:

A) WHERE WOULD TEAM FUNCTION IN GUAM, AND UNDER WHOSE AUSPICES?

B) WOULD TEAM BE ABLE TO LIVE IN HOTEL OR SHOULD IT BRING ITS OWN TENTS?

C) WHAT KIND OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES, DRUGS, INSTRUMENTS, ETC. SHOULD TEAM BRING?

D) WILL ELECTRICITY BE AVAILABLE WHERE TEAM WOULD BE OPERATING OR SHOULD TEAM BRING OWN GENERATOR?

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E) IS ASSISTANCE NEEDED IN DEVELOPING CENTRAL, COMPUTERIZED FILE ON REFUGEES? TEAM COULD PROBABLY ADD COMPUTER EXPERT AND/OR PROGRAMMERS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING SUCH A FILE.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH POINT B) ABOVE, SUGGEST SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER ON GUAM, WHITH WHOM AUSTRALIAN TEAM WOULD WORK, TELEPHONE DR. JOHN WHITEHALL (SYDNEY, 86531) TO CLARIFY MORE PRECISELY WHAT THEY SHOULD BRING AND, PERHAPS, WHAT KINDS OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES MOST NEEDED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST ANSWER TO QUESTIONS POSED ABOVE, AS THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER MEDICAL TEAMS IN EARLY STAGES OF ORGANIZATION IN AUSTRALIA. ANSWERS TO THESE TWO QUESTIONS, TOGETHER WITH POINTS IN REFTEL, WILL BE HELPFUL IN ANSWERING ENQUIRIES.

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